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# WITNESSES STILL CAN'T FORGET

This is the second story in a series by Annette Alston—a reporter for the *Black Community News Service* (NCNS), a division of Alston Communications Co. of Newark—on the 25th anniversary of the 1967 Newark rebellion. Part Two examines what happened during the uprising that shook up the city in a way that it has yet to heal.

by Annette Alston

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NEWARK (NCNS)—"Sometimes I get tired of hearing a man cry and having to listen to men getting beaten on a daily basis at night."

Those were the words of Edna Thomas, recalling a statement made by a person that lived directly across the street, in 1967, from the city's fourth precinct, located in the Central Ward.

### HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Thomas, then a member of the Newark Human Rights Committee, said the precinct was notorious for

its use of police brutality. Thomas arrived at the precinct 45 minutes after John W. Smith, a Black city cab driver, was brought there on the steamy night of July 12, 1967.

Smith had been stopped for violating a city patrol car. After checking his driver's license, police found it had been revoked. Several witnesses saw the cab driver being beaten and dragged into the precinct's headquarters.

"When the incident happened, it was already hot and they could hear him crying," said Thomas.

She said after Smith was brought in, a crowd of about 250 people had begun to form outside of the building. A small delegation from the commission that was allowed inside the precinct to observe Smith suggested he be taken to City Hospital. (There Smith was found to have several rib fractures.)

"We had bullhorns and were telling the people to get back. (Community organizer I) Mottly Still was up on the car" trying to keep the crowd calm, Thomas said. (Still died a year later, she added, when a city ambulance "didn't want to come

in (the projects) to get him.") It was too late. "A young fellow came up to us and said, 'Mr. Sick, you tried. They won't listen to you. We're going to escort you home,'" recalled Thomas. "Just as the young man said that, the police ran out of that precinct with helmets on."

The incident led to 26 deaths, 24 of them African-American, six days of Newark under occupation by the National Guard and State Police and millions of dollars in damages to property.

Twenty-five years is not enough time for those who witnessed the rebellion to forget.

### IT STARTED QUICKLY

The looting began almost immediately. The city was not prepared.

Cops were just standing there. "And Black folks unfortunately got into an individual thing of grabbing something for their own interests," said Dr. Leonard Jeffries, African Studies professor at the City College of New York (CCNY) and a native Newarker.

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The National Guard occupied School Stadium during the riots.

Photo by David Booker

## Racist genetic screening threatens inner-city youth

by Alexander R. Jones

Alarm is growing among African-American leaders and civil liberties organizations about a federal plan to combat urban violence by targeting 100,000 inner city youth, as young as age five, for controversial psychiatric behavior modification.

The plan, known as the "Violence Initiative," was developed quietly with no public input at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). It is, according to NIMH Director Dr. Frederick Goodwin, the Institute's "number one priority" for which the agency is seeking full federal funding by fiscal year 1994.

Critics meanwhile are charging that the plan is racist, oppressive and unconstitutional. And even as federal funding, stopping the program is becoming a top priority for

groups throughout the country. The reason? The plan is based on the theory that urban crime and violence is caused not by poor education and other social ills, but by genetic defects, an idea which has its roots in eugenics, the long-ago discredited "science" of racial purity.

Eugenics was introduced to the world by Englishman Sir Francis Galton in the late 1800's, and rapidly gained worldwide popularity despite the lack of a scientific basis. It fell into sudden disrepute, however, when a horrified world discovered that eugenics had been used in Nazi Germany to justify the murder of millions of European Jews.

What few realize, however, is that it was German psychiatrists, acting as the ultimate public policy advisors, who convinced Hitler that eugenics theory demanded the elimination of the Jews.

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## Tenants' Coalition meets HUD

NEWARK—Dr. Anthony Villane, Regional Director of the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), met with members of the HUD Tenants' Coalition to discuss strategies for solving continuing problems of mismanagement in the building, and proposals for changes in the HUD regulations.

Tenants criticized HUD and the New Jersey Mortgage Finance Agency, which is charged with monitoring conditions in many of the buildings, with "rubber stamp" rent increases, without knowing how money is actually being spent in the buildings, and what work has really been done. Tenants also questioned the policy which continues to reward "bad management practices," where an owner needs continual high rent increases in order to run his property.

"We want to work with HUD to make sure that taxpayers money is spent the way it is supposed to be," said Frank Hutchins, spokesperson for the Coalition which represents 18,000 tenants from 19 complexes. "There are too many cases where the managers and owners are claiming expenditures that do not happen. Tenants can help HUD because they live in the buildings,

they know what is actually going on, and what repairs are actually made."

Dr. Villane said tenants who have information about building expenditures, favoritism involved in assigning apartments, or questions about rent increase applications should contact the Director of the Newark HUD Office and the problem would be investigated. He agreed to notify tenants about a meeting with the New Jersey Mortgage Finance Agency to discuss problems of the buildings they are involved with.

"It was a productive meeting," said Mr. Hutchins. "We have been talking about these problems for many years, and now it is time that something be done about them. Tenants are working hard to get their share. They feel that HUD has to do their share too."

## First Black woman in space



by William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC—On September 11, the first African-American female will blast off into space with the thrust of 393,800 pounds behind her and fellow crew members. After Dr. Mae Jemison and the other six astronauts, who will be aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour, lift off from Kennedy Space Center in Florida and reach their orbit, on or about the second Friday in September, and start to speed around the planet Earth at 17,500 miles per hour, she will be one of the principle crew members to perform valuable flight tests on what the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is calling, "a life sciences and materials processing mission."

The mission is the second flight of Endeavour and is a combined effort between the United States and Japanese governments for scientific collaboration between NASA and the Japanese Space Agency toward data collection and is scheduled to be up for seven days. Dr. Jemison will be a Science Mission Specialist on the 49th flight of a U.S. space shuttle and will perform many of the 40 experiments of the mission to explore how living organisms react in space and study new methods that might lead to the development of better materials on Earth. Dr. Jemison personally designed one experiment that will look at the effects of the space environment on bone cells. She will perform the experiments 160 nautical miles in

space and analyze the results after landing. Trained to operate Space Shuttle and Spacecraft hardware at NASA, Jemison is NASA's first and only African-American woman astronaut. She was born in Decatur, Alabama and raised in Chicago. She was an honor student at Morgan Park High School and a member of the 1973 graduating class of that Chicago

### Highlights Black History at NASA

1980 Colonel Frederick Gregory becomes the first commander of a Space Shuttle Discovery.

1988 A total of 1,855 black engineers, scientists, doctors, technicians and administrators work at NASA.

1967 Dr. Mae Jemison becomes the first black woman selected as an astronaut candidate.

1986 The Space Shuttle Challenger explodes, killing seven crew members, among them mission specialist Ronald E. McNair, Jr., Colonel Charles F. Bolden, Jr., pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

1985 Colonel Frederick Gregory becomes the first Space Shuttle pilot on the Space Shuttle Challenger.

1984 Dr. Ronald E. McNair, as mission specialist, is the first black scientist to conduct experiments in space.

1983 Lt. Colonel John Blanford, Jr., the first black person in space, is a mission specialist aboard the third flight of the Challenger.

1982 Dr. Irene Long becomes Chief of the Medical and Environmental Health office at the John F. Kennedy Space Center.

1978 Dr. Ronald E. McNair and Colonel Frederick Gregory are selected as astronaut candidates.

1974 A total of 1,855 black engineers, scientists, doctors, technicians and administrators work at NASA.

1973 Dr. Patricia Cowings joins the research staff at Ames Research Center.

1969 Astrophysicist Dr. George R. Carruthers develops space telescopes for the Apollo 15 mission.

1967 Major Robert Lawrence becomes the second black astronaut candidate. He flies later in the year in a plane crash.

1962 Edward Dwight is chosen as the first black astronaut trainee. He resigns in 1965 amid rumors of discrimination.

Dr. Robert E. Sharkey joins the engineering staff at Marshall Space Flight Center. Sharkey is responsible for designing the first used on the Moon.

1961 Flight Surgeon Colonel Vance H. Harberstein, Jr., evaluates and monitors the physical status of John Glenn as he orbits the earth.

### BRIEFS

#### ■ Governor Florio signs "best price" law for cars

NEWARK—Legislation signed by Gov. Jim Florio, drug companies doing business with New Jersey's Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program are now required to provide rebates by offering their products at "best price," the same discounted price given to their best customers—doctors, HMOs, hospitals and other bulk purchasers. Adopting the "best rate" system is expected to save the PAAD program \$33.3 million per year. The legislation calls for the law to be renewed after its first year.

—TRENTON

#### ■ NJDOT awarded \$4.6 million more: The federal government has recognized New Jersey's expeditious use of all its 1992 transportation funding by awarding an extra \$4.6 million for more highway projects.

According to Transportation Commissioner Tom Downs, the funding became available when other states indicated they would be unable to obligate their full authorized share of federal aid by September 30, the end of the 1992 federal fiscal year. The unused spending authority was then redistributed to other states that have spent all of their funds.

—TRENTON

#### ■ Mandela's people's strike makes impact: The two-day strike on August 3 and 4 organized by ANC President Nelson Mandela kept about half of South Africa's black labor at a standstill, despite police interference and the interruption of a few of President de Klerk's men.

The 10 United Nations members said to have agreed that Nelson Mandela's people's strike affected the economy of the country immensely.

—LAUREL, MD

## UCC Plainfield

*Out with the old  
in with the new*

PLAINFIELD — Dr. Wallace E. Smith, a 35-year-old administrator and professor from a Long Island community college, has been appointed provost for Union County College's (UCC) newly renovated Plainfield Campus.

"It's a great and exciting time for myself and the college," said Dr. Smith, "because everything that was old is now new again."

The Plainfield Campus will reopen on Wednesday, September 2 for Fall Semester classes. It had been closed for a year for renovations costing about \$1.6 million. Some 800 students are expected to enroll in courses this fall.

Dr. Smith began his new position at UCC, on July 27. He is responsible for the operation, supervision and administration of the campus and will prepare recommendations for and guide its ongoing development, enhancement and maintenance.

Besides enhancing the new curriculum, Dr. Smith says "There are a lot of things I still want to do."

Smith has ideas for new programs that he would like to institute at the college, such as the Freshman Seminar, or College Success Course. This course would give all new students an eight week lesson in college success.

"We've found that when you institute this type of program your retention rate is much higher because now a student has mapped out a course for success," Dr. Smith said.

Other programs that Dr. Smith would like to see developed include faculty mentoring for new faculty members, faculty professional development and programs strictly for adults — such as a portfolio assessment program that would allow people who have been working and would like to go to college to gain up to 12 credits for their work experience. (Some schools only give three credits for work experience).

Union County College will unveil its newly renovated Plainfield



Dr. Wallace E. Smith, Provost, UCC, Plainfield Campus.

Campus to the public at an Open House from noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, featuring a full program of activities.

Guided tours will be provided of all three floors at the Campus, which is located in the former Courier-News Building at 232 East Second St. In addition, faculty and students representing the Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant, Respiratory Therapy, and Practical Nursing programs will give demonstrations on the use of equipment and hands-on allied health care.

Tables offering information on programs and services will be set up in the library area and counselors will be available to provide answers to individual questions from visitors and prospective students. On-site registration for the Fall Semester will also be available.

Refreshments will be served, and WERA-AM, Plainfield's radio station, will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., providing a live broadcast that will feature music and personal interviews with UCC officials. Storck Cable Television also will broadcast from the Plainfield Campus for at least an hour, highlighting events for a festive, yet informative day.

Anyone interested in further information should call 908-709-7518.

## CITY PEOPLE

### Coping

by Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

### The invisible race riot (Part I)

"I'll beat you to within an inch of your life!"  
"I'll break your damn neck!"  
"I'll knock your damn head off!"  
"I'll wring your neck until your head drops off!"  
"I'll tear your damn arm off and beat you to death with it!"

Who made the above statements? Sister Souljah? Nope. Ice-T? Nope. Bill Cosby? Yep! Cosby uses these statements as part of a comedy routine in which he talks about some of the horrible (but amusing and harmless) statements that his parents made to him when he was a child. No one really expected his parents to tear his arm off and beat him to death. Even though he probably thought they would.

These statements (threats) represent anger and frustration. But, not real intention. Most parents, black and white, probably make similar empty threats to their children, or even to their friends during the height and excitement of competition.

When blacks express the extreme frustration that they feel, as

the result of the constant racial discourtesy and rejection that they experience every day of their lives, the emotions are overwhelmed.

"F---k you, you white s---f f---r. I'll f---k you up." This remark is expressive of what most blacks feel. Sister Souljah, Ice-T and the majority of issue-oriented rappers are merely saying what most blacks feel, deep in their hearts. And, it crosses all black economic and social classes.

Minister Louis Farrakhan is regularly characterized in the media as being "racist," "extreme," "dangerous" and "an exception." Yet, he need merely pin a poster on a tree, announcing an upcoming speech and hundreds, even thousands of blacks (and whites) will show up at his speeches. They will endure the near-embarrassment of several body searches by Farrakhan's bodyguards, just for the privilege of hearing Farrakhan say what each of them feels. In no way is "an exception." Farrakhan essentially represents the views of blacks from the high school drop-

out, to the grocery store clerk, to the intellectual. All of these people come to his speeches because he says what they feel.

So does Sister Souljah. So does Ice-T. So does NWA. Yet, blacks are not going to rush to the nearest gun store, buy a semi-automatic weapon and start shooting cops, whites or anyone. The words from these rap artists are exaggerated expressions of contempt that most blacks have for those who constantly disrespect them, simply because they have more pigmentation in their skin than the majority race. Rap lyrics are more drive blacks to become killers than do the ultra-violent television shows. And, many of the most popular television shows actually show people in the act of engaging in armed street encounters with law enforcement officers.

Society need not fear, for now, blacks going into the streets randomly killing citizens. Society should, however, understand in realistic terms, the in-depth anger that practically every black person feels. Sammy Davis once spoke about his torment from being rejected and

trreated disrespectfully, simply because of his skin color. So does Cosby. So did Louis Armstrong. So has Oprah. So has Eddie Murphy. So do all blacks. At least sometimes, in the company of other blacks.

Sister Souljah, Ice-T, NWA, Ice Cube and others are receiving a bad rap from the mostly white media. Regrettably, the anger expressed by blacks, and the shock exhibited by most whites who consider this anger to be merely an aberration, clearly shows how far apart the races really are in this society. One wonders how whites would react if they knew how blacks really feel. The media has actually defined black attitudes for blacks. This has in effect made many blacks oppose Sister Souljah and Ice-T when, in reality, they feel the same way that these rap stars do.

The fact is that if racial roles were reversed, and whites were suffering the discrimination that blacks suffer, whites would likely destroy the society. Yet, blacks do little more than talk. And blacks foolishly allow themselves to be labeled as racists.

### Newark resident named Employee of the Quarter

Louella Johnson of Newark was recently presented with the Employee of the Quarter Award.

Ms. Johnson, mother of two children, has been employed at the Murray Hill Inn for six years. She began her employment at the hotel as a housekeeper and is currently a supervisor in that department.

"Louella is a very congenial and personable employee, it is a pleasure to work with her," said Kerry Lee, General Manager at the Murray Hill Inn.

The Murray Hill Inn, located at 535 Central Avenue, is managed by Boyle Hotels Management Group of Union.



Louella Johnson of Newark was named Employee of the Quarter by Boyle Hotels Management Corp.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

PLAINFIELD — The Senior Citizens Center, located at 905 East Front Street in Plainfield, is sponsoring a trip to the Morristown Mall at 10:30 a.m. For more information call 908-751-3906.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

PATERSON — The Black Forum presents "Breaking the Scourge of Domestic Violence" presented by John Ruff at 6:00 p.m. at the Paterson Free Public Library. For more information call 201-742-2721.

NEW PROVIDENCE — United Methodist Church, located at 1441 Springfield Avenue, will hold a thrift clothing sale from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. to raise money for SHARING, a volunteer, non-profit organization for physically handicapped adults. The sale will continue through noon on Saturday, August 29.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

PLAINFIELD — The Youth Festival "Watcha We Able" will be held at the Library Park and Plainfield Library, Park Avenue, Plainfield from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information call 908-754-9388.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

EAST ORANGE — The Royal Inn cordially invites you to join them for a "Sunday Afternoon Extravaganza No. 3" featuring "Messages through Words and Music" produced and directed by Omerio Haydel. An all you can eat buffet will be served from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the showtime is at 3 p.m. For ticket information call 908-672-9009.

Send your calendar events to City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

# A MACHO MAN VS A MODERN WOMAN

Can true love  
triumph  
in the 90's?

## MARTIN

Comedy Series Premiere  
Following "The Simpsons"  
Thursday, August 27th at 8:30PM.



# Witnesses

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"It was interesting. People were going into supermarkets, drugs stores, etc., but there were two or three banks right there (on Springfield Avenue) and not a window was broken."

Central Ward resident Lenny Parker agreed with Jeffries, saying authorities protected the banks. "The first night, police came and put a ring around it (the area of the banks). When the National Guard came, they put another ring around it," he said.

J.W. (Bussy) Harrison, also a ward resident, recalls people being caught up in a frenzy. "I saw a policeman occasionally fire his gun in the air and shake his head. He couldn't believe it," he said.

"The very stores that gave them (Blacks) credit were the ones they tore up," said Bussy. "Maybe they were angry because the looters didn't go downtown and touch Bamberger's."

The police began shooting, claiming they were the targets of snipers. But in many of the cases, residents charged, the "snipers" were ricocheting bullets from the officer's own guns. The bullets were bouncing off of the walls of the public housing complexes.

A man was quoted in a local newspaper as saying that snipers use "small arms such as .22 caliber pistols. Police use .38 and .45 caliber shotguns."

Most of the victims were shot by the latter.

## WHO'S THE CRIMINAL?

A few spectators found it difficult to tell the police from the looters. "Police robbed the stores along with the people," said Thomas. "Things were out of control."

Hugh Addison, then the mayor of Newark, called then-New Jersey Gov. Richard Hughes for assistance after two nights of rioting.

## Black woman in space

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then necessary with uncontrolled asthma as a result of pollution. Just as many of us get sick from these types of things, and, in fact, we have more problems with them because many of us don't have the same ability of health care. I want to do something to better that."

Jemison feels that the space program offers promising careers for Americans toward the future and urges blacks to pursue them.

"This is one time we can get in on the ground floor," Jemison says. A total of 1,033 black engineers, scientists, doctors, technicians and administrators work for NASA. Dr. Joseph D. Atkinson, Jr., who has headed NASA's Equal Opportunity Programs Office, and was a member of the astronaut board, has said of Jemison: "I was impressed because she was a very stately, intelligent, sincere and stable young woman. She is also extremely sensitive to the social needs of the community. I would call Dr. Jemison a national asset."

## Racist genetic screening

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"This is not the first time that psychiatry has come forth and said 'Ah Ha! We have identified the defective individuals in the society,'" explains Dr. Seth Farber, Director of the Network Against Coercive Psychiatry. "Before Hitler began to exterminate anyone, prior to World War II German psychiatrists masterminded the murder of thousands of mental patients whom they deemed to be genetically inferior."

"What the psychiatrists are saying now is that they -- just like the Nazis -- need to identify the defectives, to weed out the people with abnormal brains or defective genes. What they intend to do is scapegoat African-American youth, put them on drugs and take away the rights of their parents. It is an outrageous, racist and oppressive plan."

Although the complete details of the plan are not yet known, and are apparently being kept secret by federal health officials, the intent of the program is to weed out children whom psychiatrists feel would be violent teenagers and adults. These youngsters would then be subjected to behavior modification programs that almost surely would involve the use of controversial psychiatric

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ing. Hughes sent 300 state troopers and 3,000 National Guardsmen to the city on the morning of July 14. A looter was killed fleeing from Newark police hours later.

Residents claimed the guardsmen, enraged that many in the Black community left their own stores standing while destroying others, looted the stores themselves.

## 'IN THE MIDDLE OF IT'

Caroline Whigham, now manager of the Whigham Funeral Home, remembers coming home from college and going to the roof of the family business with her brother to see the rebellion-torn city.

Whigham recalled watching a guardsman shooting a child in the leg after a brief chase. "He didn't kill him (the youth)," she said. "But my biggest concern was what did he do? It's one thing to want to apprehend someone. It's another thing to just outright shoot him."

Once guardsmen arrived, the city was barricaded. "I was in the middle of it," said ward resident Bernice Cooze. She said she was forced to stay in East Orange, for a couple of nights.

"My mother was still in Newark and I had to come and see about her," said Cooze. "I made it home and saw my mother terrified."

## BROWN, HARRISON AND RUTLEDGE

"There was one case, and her



Photo by David Becker

name was Rebecca Brown," recalled James E. Churchman Jr., director-manager of Churchman Funeral Home. Brown, a mother of four, was fatally shot — allegedly by bullets belonging to the guardsmen — while in her third floor Bergen Street apartment.

"The husband tried to get in the house to see what was going on and they told him to get back in his car, shooting after him," said Churchman.

Meanwhile, Isaiah Harrison, Bussy's son, was killed July 17th by Newark police. Isaiah and his three sons were leaving their apartment that afternoon to visit a relative.

"We saw some children running up and down," said Bussy. "I guess some of the buildings were still burning. About 30 or 40 people were out there just watching the goings on."

"Police drove up and without any warning at all began shooting into the crowd. At first they thought they were firing blanks because we saw no apparent reason for firing at us," he added.

Isaiah, said his father, was shot in the abdomen and his brother Virgil was shot in the arm and leg.

"My older brother, Horace, realizing what was happening, began dragging them (Isaiah and

Virgil) back to the lobby," said Bussy.

"People began screaming and running and the police continued to fire randomly," he added. "The only way we could get the police to stop was to take my shirt off and wave it out of the door as a surrender."

Bussy claimed guardsmen at City Hospital did not allow them to stay with their injured relatives. When they arrived the next day, he recalled, Isaiah was dead. Virgil was in intensive care, with a bullet still lodged in his leg.

Claiming City Hospital did not give the men proper care, the family had Virgil moved to another hospital, where the bullet was extracted.

After the rebellion, Bussy said he contacted Leland Stark, then the New Jersey Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese Church, for advice. He said Stark gave him the name of Nicholas Franzoni, an attorney.

Bussy said he knew the name of the only Black police officer present at the shooting — Homer Mosely.

Bussy said Stark told him to remain quiet, because of the volatile nature of the case, until the grand jury convened. "I never mentioned his (Mosely's) name to anyone but Franzoni," he said.

The day the grand jury convened, Bussy was informed that Mosely had died "mysteriously" the night before. Nothing came of the case.

"State police said they didn't do it," he said. "The National Guard said they didn't do it and Newark police blamed it on the state police."

Another rebellion-oriented police killing was that of James Rutledge, Jr. Rutledge was caught looking a Bergen Street store with three of his friends. When the local and state police were finished flooding the store with bullets, Rutledge had almost 40 holes in his body, six in his skull.

## LOVE AND BULLETS

During the rebellion, Thomas remembered watching a little Black child, about 3-years-old, walk over to one of the guardsmen on a city street. The child appeared in awe of the guardsman's gun, she said.

"That kid didn't know any prejudice," she said. "He (the guardsman) was just a man with a gun. The kid then put his arm on the guardsman (and the guardsman) began to shake. I said 'Oh, my God — he's scared of a Black (male who is only) three years old.'"

Thomas said she feels that white fear was the cause of so many deaths in Newark during the rebellion.

"Everything Black was their enemy," she said.

Note: The photo of former mayor of Newark Kenneth Gibson and Amiri Baraka on the front page of last week's issue was taken by Bill Coco.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Triangle of Achievement is Emerging

After years of struggling to get a focus on redevelopment in the Queen City, Plainfield continues to move forward in spite of its many set backs. Over the last twenty five years Plainfield moved from an affluent suburban community to a city/suburb—a microcosm of larger cities with the housing stock and charm of a suburban community. With these changes, there has been an inability on the part of Plainfield citizens and politicians to sustain and create confidence in the community that positive changes are taking place.

Recently, Macy's closed its store in Plainfield despite the fact that it was a highly profitable one. Yet, in the ebbs and flows of city commerce, mall shops and businesses open every day...a sign that Plainfield still has a strong appeal to entrepreneurs. Many of those businesses have potential for significant growth, if the city ever turns the corner.

In order for Plainfield to become a thriving center, there is a need for the community to solidify its "TRIANGLE OF ACHIEVEMENT." This TOA includes the educational system at its base, the business sector and political sector as each leg.

Quietly, a triangle of achievement is emerging, that could create a new era of confidence and development in Plainfield. The opening of Union County College in Plainfield and a Board of Education that seems more unified than ever are major contributions for this new optimism. To complete the triangle, the political sector needs to get its act together and demonstrate a collective unity to improve the image and performance of the administration and council. Likewise, these bodies must come together to improve the real and perceived safety needs of the city. Both bodies must come together and focus on those areas that will give greater confidence to its 46,000 residents. In order for the business climate to improve, consumers will have to create the market for business and entrepreneurial risks and willingness to shop in Plainfield. In order to meet consumer needs, businesses need to improve their image, quality of merchandise and diversity of products.

The administration and council acted to improve the appearance of the Park Madison site in the middle of downtown Plainfield, a major accomplishment, after twenty years of stalled projects. The Park Madison Union County College Campus is a signal that now is Plainfield's time to move into the future and strengthen its achievement triangle.

### by Connie Woodruff

The quadrennial rite of summer when Democrats and Republicans choose their respective nominees for president and vice president are finally over.

Now it's the voters chance to make their final decision. Who will it be—Bill Clinton and Al Gore or George Bush and Dan Quayle?

The Republican convention didn't come anywhere near the Democratic show in New York for glitz, glamour and hoopla. But then what could we expect? Republicans (for the most part) wear their conservative label like a badge of honor and it showed in Houston.

Looks like the electorate will have to choose between the "change" promised by Clinton-Gore and "family values" the linchpin of the Bush-Quayle campaign.

In November, black voters will surely prefer change over family values. In the immediate future blacks need the wherewithal to keep their family together. Family values will automatically come when one is able to supply food, shelter and small luxuries to the family.

# As I See It...

The overriding issue for minorities and blue-collar families in this election will be jobs. That is the change blacks in New Jersey and elsewhere want to see. Who can best get us out of our present economic mess?

There weren't too many black Republicans in Houston but a few had cameo roles, among them was assemblywoman Pristella Anderson of Willingboro, who introduced former Governor Tom Kean during the roll call of the states.

Another minority delegate, Burlington County Assemblyman Jose Sosa, said to be the highest ranking Puerto Rican GOP official in the U.S., addressed the convention for a five minute segment. It was televised to demonstrate the Republicans commitment to minorities.

Sosa followed the party line, hashing, Democrats, especially Governor Florio, and evoking cheers when he reported the Republican legislature's rollback of a 1 percent sales tax hike.

Of all the delegates there were only 107 black delegates but that is progress for the Republicans. I can remember when one had to be a Super

Black to be a delegate to either party convention.

There is a major danger in this year's presidential election. That is how it will impact on the political future of black Americans.

Both parties appear to put great stock in the upward mobility of women—white women, that is—and Hispanic voters of both genders. If the trend escalates blacks will be taken for granted like we were in the 1940s and 50s.

This will be disastrous and put us in a catch 22 cycle. We don't register and if we don't vote our voices will not be heard by Democrats or Republicans.

If we become voiceless who will listen when we talk about enforcing affirmative action? Who will hear our demands for affordable housing, education, accessible health care and an end to second class citizenship?

The hideous death of Don Dust, one of Mayor Sharpe James' most trusted and loyal aides, has shocked Newark's diverse communities who interacted with the former newspaperman on many levels.

Dust is believed to have been bludgeoned to death in his James

Street Commons apartment. A suspect was arrested within hours after police found the body.

Colleagues alerted police when Dust failed to respond to telephone calls after he did not show up for work following a weekend hiatus. Prior to taking a city job Dust had worked for the Newark Chamber of Commerce. Before that, he was a reporter for the now defunct Newark Evening News and had been editor of an East Orange weekly.

Freeholder Sara Bost will be busier than ever from now until November. She has been assigned to oversee the coordination of the Clinton-Gore campaign for Northern New Jersey.

Assemblywoman Pristella Anderson is expected to land a visible spot when the Bush Quayle campaign gets underway in New Jersey.

Members of the Sharpe James Civic Assn. are taking a breather on the island of Aruba before opening the Clinton-Gore satellite headquarters in Newark. Essex County Register Larrie West Stalks is a new national board member of the Council of County Officials.

## Which George Bush to believe?

by Peter Woolfolk

WASHINGTON—The presidential race is off and running. Our current president says he will "do anything" to get re-elected. Unfortunately, that may be just what he will do to keep his job.

The president has made several claims to support his contention that he is the leader we expect him to be. Is he? He is really in touch?

Few people recall that while in Congress, our president was a strong supporter of family planning. That's right, a supporter! What and why did he change positions? Speculation has it that to become Reagan's vice presidential candidate he had to do a complete about face on this divisive issue. What about conviction?

The "environmental" president speaks to us from a pristine wooded site in California about his achievements on the environment. Not so fast, let's take a closer look. First, our president forced our negotiators at the Rio Earth Summit to water down agreements to reduce carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere, embarrassing his Environmental Protection Agency friend. The U.S. stood alone with this position. Next, Bush touts the Clean Air Act as another of his achievements.

ments. Yet, quietly he allows the Competitiveness Council to relax the requirement the manufacturers alert the public if they wish to increase levels of pollution. Why? It's too expensive for the manufacturers. What about polluting our air, Mr. President?

Remember the "education" president? Where is he now? Several years ago, he convened the Education Summit at which sprung a set of commendable goals — with no timeables included. The centerpiece of his education agenda is parental "choice." In the selection of schools for their kids. Fine, if we were confined to selecting public schools. But public taxes paid to support parochial or private schools. I think not.

As he business passed out pink slips as they "downsized," as the building of new homes ground to a halt, and as numerous other businesses failed, the president had difficulty recognizing the recession that was upon us. How does one miss an eight hundred pound gorilla.

The president was also a late arrival on the health care issue. It wasn't until after Bush's former attorney general was trounced in his Pennsylvania senatorial race that the president got wise. The winner, Sen. Harris Wofford, focused on

health care during his campaign. This past January three years after his election, the president offers to submit a health care proposal.

The medical community was guffawed when the plan was finally presented because the real beneficiaries of this program was the insurance companies, a serious part of the problem and primary drafters of the program.

And finally, Desert Storm. True our troops were swift and decisive in their victory over a hapless Iraqi military force. But the president called off the combined forces before the job was complete, and against the advice of his military leaders. Now, Hussein is causing more problems for the U.S. inspector. Will the president's failure to suppress the dictator cause our troops to re-enter battle?

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by Larry A. Still

The Republican Party is still resorting to "Willie Horton" type... race-baiting tactics (of 1988) in its current presidential campaign. Democratic opponents charged after the GOP (Grand Old Party) convention platform committee modified a resolution branding the District of Columbia "A national disgrace" as the nation's capital.

"The nation was waiting for a big 'Vision Thing' from the Republican Convention (in Houston) and what do we get—District Bashing. The attack on the nation's capital in the Republican platform is the cheapest shot of this campaign," declared D.C. Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

"But, the American people know a foul when they see one. And they aren't buying cheap shots this year," she continued. Adding that the Republicans "can't stand the prospect of two more Democrats in the U.S. Senate (from D.C.)," Congresswoman Norton said GOP members "see a Democrat on a bus to the White House and they know that his strong support for D.C. Statehood is riding on that bus." An obvious reference to Democratic candidate Bill Clinton.

The revised platform resolution stated "The District of Columbia, with the most blatant bureaucracy anywhere and its one-party rule, has brought massive dependency, belittled crime, illegal drugs and unrelenting scandal. We call for closer congressional scrutiny of the federal oversight of its law enforcement and courts and tighter fiscal restraints over its expenditures."

D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly replied that "the legacy of former President Ronald Reagan and current President George Bush has

The president is living up to his pledge to do anything to get re-elected to office. A close examination of his record will reveal a smoke and mirrors leadership approach and his appeal to a conservative minority. In November, the president should be given the message that his application for reelection has been rejected by the electorate.

The wrong George Bush showed up during his first term.

Peter Woolfolk is the former producer of a national public affairs radio program and has been in the public affairs arena for over 10 years. Previously, he served on the staff of retired U.S. Representative Augustus Hawkins and is currently a professional staff member on Capitol Hill.

## D.C. officials charge 'Race Baiting' at GOP Convention

brought the true 'national disgrace' at both administrations have ignored the needs of America while continuing to offer aid abroad."

Anti Congresswoman Norton added "for all of the Republicans who have mismanaged the country, one of the things to do is to beat up on one of its small cities that have been deprived by the Republicans of the resources that it needs in D.C. years. During a campaign when the Republicans had no issues they looked around...and found the District of Columbia... (but this won't fly.)"

Even Republican leaders from Washington asked that the resolution be withdrawn at the convention. Julie Finley, the GOP "State Chairman" in the District, said no one in the local Republican leadership was consulted regarding the language in the resolution on the capital.

"There are a lot of good things going on in our city. To call it a national disgrace is not acceptable," she concluded.

Harry Singleton, an African-American delegate to the Republican convention and former GOP candidate for Congress in D.C., told reporters he would not endorse a Republican Party platform which seeks greater Congressional control over the city. The District of Columbia, which is larger than five states, does not have voting members in the U.S. House of Representatives of Senate.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, the elected, symbolic "shadow senator" for the area, declared "the Republican Party has once again returned to its race-baiting tactics of 1988..." a platform has magnified "Willie Horton" by demonizing Washington, D.C. Jackson is seeking to become the first official U.S. Senator from the area.

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# YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

## Advice for college-bound

**SUMMIT—** For students, and their parents, going off to college for the first time may have some separation issues, according to Clifford Goldman, M.D., Assistant Medical Director at Fair Oaks Hospital.

Parents who try to cram in all of life's lessons the week before the child goes to college may only raise the youngster's anxiety about leaving home," explains Dr. Goldman. "They are sending the message that the student doesn't know how to cope on their own."

The freshman-to-be who thinks his parents are worried about his ability to manage without them, may begin to have the same doubts. Even the most confident students can have certain fears about going away to school.

Not all students are ready to go off to college at age 18 -- some people are ready; others are not. "Children who seem overconfident or withdrawn about the prospect of going away to college may be uncomfortable talking about their fears directly," Dr. Goldman says. "Parents ought to listen closely for an underlying significance in what their child says."

Parents should convey their confidence in their college-bound child, rather than offering to come

to the rescue if anything happens. Tell the child that they have always managed to work through their problems in the past. But, if the child is not ready to begin college, the family should map out a reasonable alternate plan of action. Once at college, many students take advantage of their new found freedom and experiment with drugs or drinking.

Dr. Goldman suggests that parents make their children aware of the strict drug and alcohol policies that most colleges have.

Other difficulties confronting college freshmen are challenging classes they may be ill-prepared for.

Dr. Goldman says that a guidance counselor or adviser can help a student choose classes they are best equipped to take.

If your son or daughter is suffering from any physical or mental problems, -- alcohol and drug abuse, depression, attention-span problems, eating problems and anxiety states -- have them taken care of before he or she starts school. Troubled youngsters may have several of these difficulties simultaneously. The signs and symptoms of these disorders are often difficult to pinpoint but may include: low self esteem, violent behavior, family conflicts, thoughts of death, change in personality, and preoccupation with

weight.

Fair Oaks Hospital offers ideas on how to make that first big step away from the family easier on everyone.

### Tips for students:

- Visit the campus prior to registration so you'll become more familiar with the new surroundings.
- Attend freshman orientation. This will acquaint you with what is expected during the school year.
- Meet your roommate. If distance prevents a meeting, a phone call will help establish the new relationship.
- Contact local students who go to the school. They will be able to help you get a better idea of what campus life is really like.

### Tips for parents:

- Attend parent orientation. You can familiarize yourself with school policies and confide in resident assistants about your concerns.
- Shop for dorm room furnishings. This will help the student to visualize himself or herself at college.
- Don't expect your child to call you all the time. Don't let your child feel guilty because she thinks you're worrying about her.
- Don't talk about how lonely you'll be without him. He may be concerned about how you'll cope when he's gone.

## Errica Gardner honored as student of the month



Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently held a ceremony naming Errica Gardner as "Student of the Month." The City of Newark, in conjunction with radio station WNWK-FM, who supports the program, sponsors a monthly incentive program for individuals who have distinguished themselves as outstanding citizens and role models. Shown are (from left): Danyon Cleveland, Terria Gardner, Jacqueline Gardner, Errica and Mayor James.

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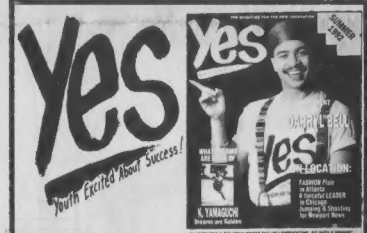
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## Religious Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**PERTH AMBOY** — The Catholic Second Baptist Church will host the Eighth Annual Kingdom Men of Valor Conference. On this day at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Mario Espinosa from Nashville, TN, will present a lecture. The conference entitled "Set the Example!" will last until Sunday, October 4. For more information call 908-754-1352.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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## Contest Searches for 'Faces'

**BRIDGEWATER** — The "Faces of Diabetes" contest, launched by the American Diabetes Association, New Jersey Affiliate, to educate the public on how diabetes can affect a person's life, is open to any New Jersey resident who has either Type I or Type II diabetes. "Diabetes affects people of all ages, sex and race. But most Americans are unaware of what diabetes is and how it can affect a person's life," said Venkat Gandhi, M.D., President of the New Jersey Affiliate. "Winners (of the contest) will receive special prizes and be featured in a new public awareness campaign next year."

You may enter yourself, or nominate someone you know. If you are entering yourself, send your name, age, address phone number and a letter about how you are coping with diabetes and how it has changed your life. If you are nominating someone else, please include your own address and telephone number as well as why the nominee should be chosen.

All contest entries must be accompanied by a photo of the nominee. Entries without photos will not be accepted and photos cannot be returned. Please indicate whether the nominee has Type I or Type II diabetes.

More than 460,000 New Jersey residents have diabetes and half are unaware they have it. Diabetes, a serious disease for which there is no cure, affects the body's ability to produce insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into the energy needed for daily life. The mission of the American Diabetes Association, founded in 1940, is to prevent and cure diabetes, and to improve the lives of all people affected by the disease.

## Foster parents needed

**NEWARK** — The Division of Youth & Family Services of Essex County is in need of caring families to provide temporary homes for infants, siblings and teenagers in need. Foster parents can come from any social, economic and ethnic background, and will receive a modest board rate, a monthly clothing allowance and Medicaid coverage for the children in their care. For more information, please contact Rosanna Deuren, Recruitment Coordinator Division of Youth and Family Services, at 201-648-7770.

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## Program focuses on 'Bad Kids'

**SUMMIT** — Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) can disrupt every aspect of a child's life at home, at school, and at play. This syndrome, which affects between 2 and 4 percent of all children is the topic of a free educational program sponsored by Fair Oaks Hospital in Summit, NJ and the Mental Health Association of Union County.

James Coocres, M.D., Medical Director of the Outpatient Recovery Centers of Fair Oaks Hospital and author of several publications on Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder will be the keynote speaker at *When Kids Can't Stop, Look, and Listen: The Problem of Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder* Thursday, September 17 from 7-9 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel.

"Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder can seriously interfere with a child's ability to learn and to get along with others," explains Dr. Coocres. "Even though signs of the disorder are usually present from birth, parents may not seek help until the child fails to adjust to school and socially." Infants who are irritable and cry all the time, toddlers who run wild and become over-stimulated easily, and preschoolers who are overly aggressive could be suffering from ADHD. Unaware parents often blame themselves for their child's disruptive behavior.

According to Fair Oaks Hospi-

tal, a child who has ADHD shows several of the following characteristics:

- has difficulty organizing work and gives the impression he or she has not heard instructions
- is easily distracted
- makes careless, impulsive errors
- frequently calls out in class
- has difficulty awaiting his or her turn in group situations
- fails to follow through on parents' requests

is unable to play games for the same amount of time as other children of the same age.

As part of his lecture, Dr. Coocres will discuss the controversies associated with medicating ADHD children, as well as other treatment options which are non-addicting. Also, Dr. Coocres will explain why children with ADHD have difficulty cooperating and interacting with others, and the reasons these children are at risk of academic failure, irresponsible behavior, and substance abuse.

"Although there has been controversy about parents who consent to medicate their children," Coocres says, "Many kids would have a disastrous future if they were left untreated."

The lecture is free but reservations are requested, due to limited seating, and can be made by calling Fair Oaks Hospital Outreach Services Department at (908)277-9016.



By Anna Banks

## Business or hobby?

What a difference a word makes

Do you know the difference between a "business" and a "hobby"? If you earn money from a sideline activity, this distinction can have a major impact on your tax bill.

For example, say you do craft work in your spare time and sell your creations at a local shop. (Or maybe you have an evening sales job, show animals part-time, or buy and sell collectibles.) The IRS says you must report all sideline income, whatever the source.

To earn this extra income, you probably incur expenses for supplies, equipment, and other items — maybe even entertainment and travel. If the IRS views your part-time activity as a business, you may deduct all related expenses, even if total expenses exceed your income. But if your sideline is a hobby, you may deduct your expenses only up to the income you earned from the activity. The bottom line: if your sideline is a business, you may claim a loss on your tax return. If your sideline is a hobby, no tax loss is allowed.

Generally, if your sideline is profitable in at least three out of five consecutive years, the IRS will presume it's a business. If your sideline

doesn't meet this test (or just barely meets it), the IRS may look at several different factors. If you keep good records and your activity looks like a legitimate start-up (rather than a permanent money-loser), the IRS will probably treat it as a business.

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## Outreach program for New Jersey veterans

**TRENTON** — The Department of Education's Office of Veterans Education and Training is organizing a new outreach program to inform New Jersey veterans of the education benefits available to them.

"We hope to increase the public's knowledge about these benefits," said Carl H. Brown of the Office of Veterans Education and Training. "Even those veterans already in education and training programs don't realize that they could be getting aid."

According to Brown, of nearly 12,000 New Jersey veterans eligible for education benefits from the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs, only an estimated 3,500 to 4,000 have actually applied.

The department will work through state veterans' organizations and various private industries with an interest in worker training to distribute materials describing potential benefits. A workshop is scheduled for July 31 to inform education officials about the available programs. The department provides a free pamphlet, *Educational Benefits for Veterans and Dependents*, that explains who is eligible for benefits and how the money can be used.

The four largest veterans education assistance programs are:

- The Active Duty Educational Assistance Program, or Montgomery GI Bill, which provides a minimum of \$12,600 to qualified veterans.

- The Selected Reserve Chapter of the Montgomery GI Bill, which provides educational benefits to qualified veterans of reserve service.

- The Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), which provides up to \$8,100 to eligible veterans.

- The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, which provides financial aid for spouses and children of veterans who were killed or permanently disabled in active military service or who are listed as prisoners of war or missing in action.

These benefits may be used by veterans and their dependents to attend colleges and universities. They may also be used at more than 250 approved training establishments throughout New Jersey, such as apprenticeships and on-the-job training programs; correspondence schools; hospital programs; private business and vocational-technical schools; public institutions art schools; schools of cosmetology; real estate schools; and flight schools.

For more information on veterans education benefits, or to obtain a copy of *Educational Benefits for Veterans and Dependents*, write: New Jersey State Department of Education, Division of Vocational Education, Office of Veterans Education and Training, CN 500, Trenton, NJ 08625, or call Carl H. Brown or Craig Clauser at 609-292-6326.



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**NEWARK**—A Marketing Symposium will be sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Bell Atlantic and the US Department of Commerce at the Newark Airport Marriott. The program is entitled "Success in the 90's." The symposium workshops will include information on various aspects of the business world and technology. Veterans who are small business owners are eligible to attend the symposium at a reduced rate. For more information call 1-800-225-2668.

## 'A Taste of Blackness' on the water

A most unique undertaking will materialize to address African-Americans' participation and enjoyment of the tourism industry in January 1993 — it's entitled, "A Taste of Blackness."

Tourism is everyone's business; but, for African-Americans, it hasn't been business as usual. African-Americans are now cruising for business more aggressive, sensible action and are, indeed, proud to announce that they will formulate plans on how to market themselves to the world. This effort will be highlighted and experienced during a cruise scheduled to address issues of international travel for Pan-Africans worldwide.

International travel (tourism) grosses over \$3.5 trillion worldwide, annually. It is the world's largest employer (127 million

people), and disburses a payroll of \$869 billion. While they spend over \$25 billion on tourism, the amount that is allotted toward African-American entrepreneurs is so minute it is not worth mentioning.

"A Taste of Blackness: An African-American Cultural Experience" is about getting ready for success. It's an attitude adjustment session. When the M/S Caribe departs from Miami, the first evening will host the bon voyage gala and networking session, but on Sunday, work begins.

Unlike most luxury cruise extravaganzas, the passengers along this liner will comprise an assembly of the most serious economic development strategists and spiritual theologians within the African-American community. Their objective is to talk about the industry

and African-Americans.

Heritage Tours Inc., a Jewish-owned enterprise, has joined forces with an entourage of African-American and Caribbean in organizing the conference. An array of networking and progressive dialogue exchange will be done on tourism, gospel revivals, round table discussion, trade missions, and civic contributions recognition for the duration of the conference on the water.

Part of the proceeds of the event will be donated to the One Hundred Black Men to assist the efforts aimed toward "Project Success."

For additional information please call Mr. Carl Withers, Special Events Director, or Ms. Alice Lester, Travel Director at 305-755-5990 or fax them at 305-755-5688.

## John Alexander, advocate for small businesses

John W. Alexander, Jr., who is tasked with helping small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses compete for Port Authority contracts and vendor opportunities, says that his job as a senior business representative for the Port Authority is always full of challenges and rewards.

"When we assist with the development and growth of small businesses, we are also helping the economy of the region and that's not always an easy job to do," said Mr. Alexander, who works in the bistate agency's Office of Business and Job Opportunity (OBJO).

Alexander, a resident of Orange, NJ, is also responsible for certifying eligible firms that wish to market their goods or services to the agency. During his nine years at the



Mr. John Alexander was one of the Minority Business Journal's 1992 Corporate Achievers. (see MBJ May-June 1992)

Port Authority, Alexander has certified more than 1,000 firms throughout the region, and as far away as Florida and California.

## Business Exchange...

## Songs and stories of our people

by William Reed

ATLANTA, GA — "Applause, applause to the artists who inspire us all," was the slogan the National Black Arts Festival (NBAF) here. Major corporations, such as Nation's Bank and Southern Bell, helped the NBAF. In its third outing in this Capital City of the South, to assist over 100,000 people on a cultural journey to help them discover more of themselves and an understanding of the contributions made to the world by artists of African descent. With support from other giant multi-nationals such as AT&T, Coca-Cola and Ford Motor Company, the NBAF was such a boon of exposure for black artists that many of them can now start thinking about quitting their day jobs.

With over 80 events, many presented free to the public through big businesses' sponsorship, the NBAF was able to bring together the largest gathering of people celebrating African-American culture in his-

tory. They got a chance to spend millions of dollars in a city with a high lifestyle and with black-owned businesses such as Pascals and the Barclay Hotels. They saw films by independent film-makers, such as Atlanta's Julie Dash, who produced "Daughters of the Dust, along with being in attendance at outstanding jazz concerts, street parties, folk-life celebrations and artists' markets that had great numbers of "name" artists providing their works for sale.

The festival provided a number of contributions made throughout the world by people of African descent. Throughout metropolitan Atlanta black people who came here were able to find our art at exhibits and events that were held at many of the malls and shopping centers catering to blacks. The festival site itself, Atlanta, is the embodiment of our culture, the city exhibits the artful success of the urban black lifestyle. The class and sophistication of the blacks of Atlanta provides insight on the value of the songs and stories of our people. Instead of being "victims" in their

city, black people in Atlanta are treated by merchants and business executives as people fully deserving of the highest of consumer treatment. Blacks in Atlanta have over 10 billion dollars in capital each year, and in turn, they make the people with whom they come in contact, respect their value, worth and culture in a meaningful way.

In addition to the obvious material successes of black Atlantians, a positive effect of the NBAF was that it made great strides in debunking the theory that America's history is no more than "his story." The NBAF, and its participants, showed in story, song and music how culture can be continued and effected. It showed how a particular culture influenced other cultures, how the culture that was influenced evolved and then turned around and influenced the culture that influenced it. If you'd been here you would have seen how European culture influenced our forefathers, and how in turn our great culture and heritage influenced this country's, and the world's, music, dance, fashion and materials.

There are great divisions of people, races and economies in our country, and the world today. But, the NBAF provided a conduit to trace a cultural journey of Africans from the Motherland to the Americas. The NBAF coordinators recreated villages for the event that offered participants glimpses of the cultures of West Africa, the Caribbean, the Gullah people of east coast Sea Islands and even Texas Black Seminoles to show the thread that still ties them together. The NBAF constructed the villages so that the visitor can see the striking similarities in music, dance, language and material culture that were maintained in each of the villages' cultural settings. The re-creation of these villages provided a visual and audio realization of the connections between people of color that has survived the Middle Passage and the transit of time.

Beatef Gin, another corporate sponsor, captured the mode and mood of Atlanta and significant works of the National Black Arts Festival in its slogan, "Good Taste Doesn't Just Happen. It's An Art."

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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS COLLECTION SERVICES HOUSING AUTHORITY AND URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK

The Housing Authority and Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Asbury Park (the "Authority") will receive proposals from attorneys, law firm or collection agencies or other entities to perform collection services on the Authority's behalf. All candidates must demonstrate in their proposals that they are either licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey or are duly qualified to collect agency fees with the Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey. The successful candidate shall be awarded a contract with the Authority to seek collection of debts from prior tenants of the Authority who owe the Authority amounts in Excess of \$500.00, as well as from current tenants owing any amount to the Authority. The candidate, at its option, may undertake the collection of debts of \$500.00 or less from prior tenants of the Authority.

Payment for collection services under the contract awarded shall be on a contingency, and shall come from monies successfully collected. The Authority shall incur no liability for any costs of the collection efforts.

The proposal shall certify that all collection efforts under the contract to be awarded shall be in full compliance with the Federal Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. 1601, et seq., and all other applicable Federal and State Law.

The proposals shall be ranked and rated upon the following factors: (1) proposed percentage of return to the Authority of amounts collected (50%); and (2) demonstrated capability of the candidate to collect debts, in particular debts from prior tenants and (3) the proposed method of collection. The proposals shall be ranked and rated upon the following factors: (1) demonstrated capability of the candidate to collect debts (50%); (2) the proposed method of collection; (3) the percentage of amounts successfully collected which will be returned to the Authority; and (2) evidence of a successful debt collection history by the candidate.

The Authority reserves the right to cancel the contract entered with the selected candidate, if, at the end of six months after execution of said contract, the Authority determines that the candidate has not made progress in the collection of debts satisfactory to the Commissioners of the Authority.

Sealed proposals in response to the RFD (original and two copies shall be due no later than 11:00 a.m., August 24, 1992 at the Authority's office at 1000 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey at which time the proposals shall be opened and ranked.

Candidates needing further information about this RFP should contact Mr. Nancy Golde at 908-774-2260.

8-19-92 KENNETH E. NIXON, JR.  
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Two months later, at the annual National Football League (NFL) owners' meeting, however, the ruling was pulled on instant replay when the owners failed to give it the two-thirds support necessary to be continued this season.

Talk about a bad call, here's one that needs another look. I personally am sorry to see the end of instant replay. I thought it made football a better game. Since it was introduced in the 1986 season, instant replay has indeed made some games more fun. I decided on the mistake of one official who made a questionable call. As someone who played in the years before instant replay, I can remember wishing there was some way to review an official's call. Coaches and players will miss it right away. I'm sure you'll hear the first cry of "Where's replay when you talk about it as soon as the first NFL Sunday is under way."

The complaints against replay mainly involved the time it took to go back and look at a questionable call from a number of different angles. While an on-field official has only one split second to make a call from one angle, replay officials can work from a number of different angles to determine if the right call was made. Games were running five, 10, maybe 20 minutes longer at the most, but owners thought that fans were being turned off by the added time of a game. Believe me, real football fans want to see a game where the right calls are made. A few extra minutes mean nothing.

The critics also charged that the time it took to review a play often was fatal to a team's momentum. Not likely. If you have a good team, nothing should break your momentum.

## Screening

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drugs such as Ritalin and Prozac. Opponents of the plan charge that redefining inner-city crime as a biomedical problem ignores the true causes of the violence, and can only lead to serious civil liberty abuses and a worsening condition in our cities.

Peter Docks, Legislative Director for the Church of Scientology affiliated Citizens Commission on Human Rights calls the plan "a psychiatric Trojan Horse that would erode the rights of all Americans, destroy the lives of countless minority children, consume millions in taxpayer dollars, and leave our streets more dangerous than they are today."

Adjia Ayetoro, National Director of the National Conference of Black Lawyers, finds several problems with the initiative, key among them, its genetic basis.

"Many of us who have a background in sociology and psychology," notes Ms. Ayetoro, "realize that the problems of violence in our communities are not problems of genetics and medicine but are problems of deprivation."

"Another concern is that there may be some legitimate reasons for people who have some type of mental illnesses to be given very limited dosages of medications, but what they (NIMH) are attempting to do is to take violent behavior which is caused by social problems, and turn that into a mental illness."

In the late 60's and early 70's psychiatrists made shocking and controversial proposals to curb ghetto rioting and crime with psychosurgery, chemical castration and the implanting of behavior controlling electrodes in the brains of inmates. All of the proposals died when heated and bitter public opposition killed their federal funding.

"It all boils down to racism," says Ron Clark, Executive Director of RAP, Inc., a drug rehabilitation program in Washington, D.C. "You have certain groups of people who think so oddly about social problems that they never look at the true causes and instead seek to target minority groups who are suffering because of the problems. It's very dangerous stuff and it keeps America forever from becoming what it's supposed to be."

## PATH workers honored during 'Try Transit Week'



Clairelle Charles (center) and Officer John Parker (right) were honored for their professional excellence in transportation by Port Authority Chairman Richard C. Leone (left).

NEWARK—Clairelle Charles of Linden and Officer John Parker of Jackson were presented awards for professional excellence in transportation by Port Authority Chairman Richard C. Leone and Newark Mayor Sharpe James at the May "Try Transit Week" luncheon of the Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Charles, a civil engineer and 1984 graduate of the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, was cited for her contributions as Project Manager for PATH's accessibility program. She was responsible for coordinating PATH support units, contractors and several outside agencies who were tasked to construct the new accessibility features. The improvements which were provided at seven of

PATH's 13 stations included the installation of elevators, cut cuts and ramps for easier wheelchair access, new signage and wheelchair entry gate.

Officer Parker, an Emergency Medical Technician and Instructor as well as a New Jersey State Police Training Commission Instructor, played a major role in developing and implementing PATH's Emergency Preparedness Program. He developed training techniques and initiated Scott Air Pak Training at PATH, designed the PATH Emergency Response Vehicle/Mobile Command Center, introduced new techniques for heavy rescue required in certain transit emergencies, provided emergency rescue training to members of the PATH Police Command and planned emergency drills.

Parker retired at the end of May, having served as a Port Authority Police Officer for more than 20 years.

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